

I fully support the Kenwood proposal. Their contention that the current regulations are very restrictive is supported by my own personal experience. It was not until I was able to afford a number of 70cm radios that I began to enjoy the computer/control oriented opportunities provided in the current regulations. While most hams own 2 Meter gear, for many 70 cm gear remains a luxury, particularly for those who are young - the very people we are attempting to interest in amateur radio.

The Kenwood proposal will give hams more opportunity to expand their remote control expertise. While I comiserate with the ARRL comments, I must remind both the ARRL and the FCC, that there are major portions of the United States where these bands are not crowded at all. These rural areas will benefit from the removal of these restrictions. Further, amateurs in these rural areas tend to be less affluent, again reinforcing the low cost of entry that permitting control on 2 Meters would afford hams.

Finally, while city locations will probably require some coordination or tolerance in the proposed use of the band, hams have traditionally been quite tolerant and gentlemenlike in their approach to these issues. Even in areas where frequency coordinating bodies are almost non-functional, our repeater and VHF/UHF band usage is and has been a great example of tolerance to everyone's interests. For example, repeater users tolerate some interference in some areas because it enables hams at a distance to enjoy their use of the frequencies. Sure, an absolutely "clear" frequency would be great for everything and everyone, but that isn't physically possible. Remote control on 2M (and 220 Mhz) will add to the traffic on the band, but not noticeably, and I expect that it will give us all more interesting things to talk about or listen to.

I ask the FCC to release us from these restrictions so that we may begin to develop and deploy the next level of technology that computers, radio, intellect, and effort will bring to the service.

Sincerely,

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